

Dr. J. W. Millon and Mrs. J. A. Guthrie who are members of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist General Association report a good meeting of that board at Kansas City last week. The State has been divided into three districts with a superintendent over each division. Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield are to be the headquarters of the three superintendents.

T. J. Anderson, near Laddonia, went to Columbia recently to take treatment for appendicitis.

Mrs. Cynthia Miller has been very ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Patrick in this city. Her nephew, Cecil McBride, of Centraffa, visited.

Miss Lillian Crawford of this city has been chosen teacher of English, History and Latin in the Laddonia high school.

Mrs. George Staples of Woodson, Ill., has returned home after a pleasant visit to Mrs. C. F. Kehl of this city.

The Commercial Club will elect officers tomorrow night.

Wm. Pritchett of Laddonia has been taking treatment for his health in a St. Louis hospital.

Dr. W. A. Wren is having his drug store building remodeled thru-out, which was damaged by fire recently. He will have a fine store when the work is completed.

Raymond, son of Jack Brown, northeast of Rush Hill, has been wrestling with a hard case of pneumonia.

E. Epstein, a student in the Missouri Military Academy, was taken to the hospital at Columbia for treatment for appendicitis last week.

Charles O. Wright of this city, attending Missouri University, has been chosen as one of the squad from which the team is to be chosen to meet the Kansas University team in debate.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, east of Santa Fe, died of measles and pneumonia a few days ago.

Tom Bruce of this city is honored again by his New York Life Ins. Co. They thank him for business done in December. He has 5,000 agents in his territory.

W. Barker, a travelling man, fell down a flight of icy steps at John Graham's home one day last week and suffered serious injury to his spine.

W. A. Bowde, near Centraffa, was taken to Mayo Brothers' Hospital in Minnesota this week for treatment. He was accompanied by his brother, S. J. Bowne, Jr. Mr. Bowne expects to have to undergo a very serious operation. We hope he may come out safe and be restored to his former good health.

HOME BURNED.

Wm. Hardin Rixey's dwelling was completely ruined by fire Thursday afternoon. The fire department was delayed by a freight train at Jefferson street crossing. The loss was partially covered by insurance. Many of the household goods were carried by neighbors into the yard and were greatly damaged by heavy rain that was falling when the fire was discovered.

Mrs. Anna Gags has been ill at the local hospital.

W. S. Hathaway is visiting his daughter in Washington, D. C. Mrs. George Ross.

Mrs. Fennetta Sargent Haskell, dramatic reader, and so well and favorably known to Mexico people, is to appear at Hardin College in the C. W. Best Artists' Series, March 27th. She will be greeted with a large audience.

A MOCK TRIAL.

School of Fun in Store for Everybody
—“Breach of Promise Suit.”—

Those who will take part in the “Breach of Promise” suit to be tried at the McMillan High School auditorium the evening of February 3rd have been chosen. The parts will be as follows:

Judge, W. W. Fry, Jr.
Clerk, E. F. Elliott.
Defendant's attorney, J. W. Bufington.
Complainant, Mrs. R. M. Emmons.
Defendant, T. J. Williams.
Court officer, Sam Wallace.
Court crier, J. T. Johnson.
Witnesses: Dr. R. C. Strode, H. B. Plunkett, Leopold Barth, Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, and Mrs. Norton Melson.
Jurors: Fred A. Morris, L. M. White, E. R. Myers, J. R. Jesse, Dr. A. C. White, W. G. Wilkins, Nate Phillips, R. R. Arnold, Jr., Will C. Williams, G. N. Melson, and L. Roy Ferris.

GATES-SCHLEETER.

Mr. Ray Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Gates of Laddonia, and Miss Lula Schleeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schleeter of Farber, were married in Vandalia last week. Mrs. Gates, with her parents, formerly lived just south of Mexico. She is a bright and charming young woman. We congratulate Mr. Gates in his good choice of a wife. May happiness and good fortune follow them all their days.

DIES AT HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Guy Maupin of Wellsville, formerly of near Farber, died at the Mexico Hospital last week. Before her marriage she was Miss Grace Dougherty. The burial was at Farber Thursday, funeral sermon by Rev. W. E. Akers of Laddonia. Mrs. Maupin was 39 years old. The husband survives her besides the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. W. J. Crow, Miss Fannie Dougherty and T. E. Dougherty, all of Farber, and Mrs. Henry Oaks of Wellsville.

The True Citizen.

By Rev. O. Olin Green.
Recently a noted philanthropist stated that he had been a voter for more than thirty years but had voted only six times and then at the urgent solicitation of his wife. In that case it is quite clear as to which of the two was entitled to the ballot. How any true citizen could be so utterly indifferent to the welfare of his state and nation is more than we can understand. Even a selfish interest should stimulate him to action. The true citizen is the one who looks not only to his own well-being but to the well-being of others. He is interested in the making and enforcement of such laws as will protect the innocent and punish the guilty, such laws as will elevate the standards of living and secure justice to everyone alike. He will try to put good men in office and then support them when elected.

The true citizen is one who will join in every movement which is calculated to make his own town and community a better place in which to live. If there are conditions which he does not like then he should try to make them right. He is as much a part of the community as any other individual in it and if things are wrong then he is to blame as much as any one else. He has the ballot and can help to make things right. He is not satisfied with capricious criticisms but rather lends his influence for righteous measures and encourages the enforcement of the laws. If the men he has helped to put in office fail in the discharge of their duties let him not condemn them but counsel with them. Nine times out of ten things can be made better. In other words, the true citizen is one who follows the golden rule: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

CLARENCE A. BARNES
Attorney-at-Law
Southern Bank Building.
Mexico, Missouri.

VIEWS & INTERVIEWS

H. G. Sipple: I am afraid the heavy coating of ice which covered the ground several days last week was hard on the wheat. It kept out the air. Plants and grasses must have air as well as animals must have air.

John Smithy: How about this commission form of government for cities and towns? They talk about a city manager. All affairs put into his hands, saving the cost it is estimated, of five or six other officers. That looks good, part of it. I would not favor it without the recall. But we ought to have the recall anyway, even with the system we have now.

E. M. Crooks: My friend, J. J. Benzer, of Des Moines, Iowa, and myself attended the Mexico Commercial Club supper Friday evening. It was a revelation to me. I had always supposed the Club was a kind of a play, just a meet to be meeting. But my eyes were opened. If we can have some of the things you advocated up there Friday night what the Commercial Club will be worth everything. I'll give \$10 toward a mile of permanent good road, I don't care up there Friday night, why, the Show us about these good roads, and I believe there will be something doing.

Doll Hanger: How's Santa Fe? She's coming right along. I am liveryman and have Frank Snyder with me in the undertaking business. We are doing very nicely. Santa Fe is all right since we got connected up with the world by the electric railway from Mexico. We get the big city dailies now as early as you do in Mexico.

J. B. Botkin: Rev. J. J. Hicks was one of the finest young men I ever knew. He believed in his religion thoroughly and practiced what he preached. He was generous to a fault, honest to the last farthing and never tired in his work for the uplift of humanity. He was a good fellow and I liked him. His wife was a Missourian and her home was at Maryville.

A. W. Powell: I am having to quit farming. Can't manage the work anymore. Will have a sale of everything Feb. 2 and will move back to Mexico.

R. H. Nichols: I have 1,000 bushels of wheat which grades 58 pounds. I think I should have \$1.25 a bushel for it. Why shouldn't I? It is \$1.36 in St. Louis.

Billie Blythe: I don't like medicine anymore. But I'll do anything for a neighbor if he gets sick and he thinks medicine it must be.

Garl Lockridge: I have lost my sight entirely since that switch two years ago, while I was chopping, struck me in the eye. It is hard to make it about the farm without eyes.

480 Acres for \$222

Think of it! You can file on a 320 acre homestead in Wyoming for only \$22, and, under certain conditions, buy an additional 160 acres of Government pasture land adjoining for \$1.25 per acre. The expense of locating the land varies in each individual case and is not included above. These lands are valuable for mixed farming, dairying, poultry and live-stock raising.

This is a splendid opportunity for a man without much money to get a flying start on the road to independence. Write me today about a location before the good land is all taken up. The railroad employs me to help you locate, and my services are free.

Low Round Trip Home-seekers' excursion fares will be on sale on the first and third Tuesdays of January and February.

S. B. HOWARD, Immigration Agt., Burlington Route, Room 422, 1004, Farnam St. Omaha, Neb.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS, Henry W. Smith and Carrie Smith, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 16th day of December, 1911, and recorded in the Recorder's office within and for Audrain County, Missouri, in Book 37 for recording trust deeds, at page 554 thereof, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate situated in Audrain County, Missouri, to-wit:

Begin at an old stone set for the Southwest corner of the South East quarter of the North East quarter of Section 22, in Township 51 north, Range 9 West, and run thence South 89 degrees, 34 minutes east, 6.97 chains to a stone, thence north 12.24 chains to the center of Davis Fork of Salt River, thence along the center of said stream in a north-westerly course to a point in the center of said stream near the east edge of the iron highway bridge on the Mexico and Huntsville road, thence in a straight line along the center of said road, South 20 degrees, 27 minutes, West 5.31 chains, thence South 19 degrees, 50 minutes, along the center of said road, 6.28 chains, thence South 8 degrees, 25 minutes, East 5 chains, to the point where the east and west quarter section line crosses the center line of said road and thence south 89 degrees, 34 minutes, East 5.32 chains to the place of beginning, containing 20 acres. The above tract being Audrain County survey No. 1995, and being the west 20 acres of that part of the South half of the North East quarter of said Section 22, lying east of the middle line of the Mexico and Huntsville public road, and south of the middle line of the stream known as Davis Fork of Salt River;

(Said deed of trust being made and accepted subject to two prior deeds of trust, one for the sum of \$2000.00 and the other for the sum of \$500.00.)

In trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust fully described and set forth;

AND, WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, and the said note is now past due and remains unpaid.

Now, therefore, I, S. M. Locke, the trustee named in said deed of trust, at the request of the legal holder of said note, will, on Friday, the 11th day of February, 1916, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m., and 5 o'clock, p. m., of that day, proceed to sell the above described real estate, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court House in Mexico, Missouri, for cash, to satisfy said debt and the costs and expenses of executing this trust.

S. M. LOCKE, Trustee.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary C. Stephens, deceased, that the undersigned administrator of said estate intends to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court, in the County of Audrain, State of Missouri, to be held at the Court House, in the City of Mexico, in said county, on the second Monday in February, 1916.

JOHN W. HOWELL,

Administrator.
January 6, 1916.

EARLIER MAIL SERVICE.

The Paris Appeal comments as follows:

Santa Fe now gets St. Louis papers and other mail three hours earlier than Paris and one hour ahead of any other point in the country. Beginning on Monday that territory began to benefit from a contract the Government recently made with the electric line for carrying mail from Mexico. The car leaves Mexico at 7 o'clock in the morning, getting the morning St. Louis papers to Santa Fe at 8:30, which is about nine hours earlier than under the old arrangement. This is in accordance with the Government's long established policy of giving the best service to be had in any locality. It is only one of the many benefits South Fork township has reaped from the electric line.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

State of Missouri, ss., County of Audrain. In the Circuit Court, March Term, 1916.

E. D. Clary, Plaintiff,

vs.

John A. Guthrie and the unknown heirs of William H. White, deceased; of Charles W. Baker, deceased; of John T. Henderson, deceased; of Joseph D. Morris, deceased; of Samuel Grant, deceased, and of Daniel Corker, deceased, Defendants.

State of Missouri to the above named unknown heirs of William H. White, deceased; of Charles W. Baker, deceased; of John T. Henderson, deceased; of Joseph D. Morris, deceased; of Samuel Grant, deceased, and of Daniel Corker, deceased, except John A. Guthrie, GREETINGS:

Now on this January 17, 1916, comes the plaintiff by his attorneys, Fry & Rodgers, and files with the undersigned, Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, his petition duly verified by affidavit wherein among other things plaintiff alleges that he is the owner in fee and in possession of the following lands in Audrain County, Missouri, to-wit: The South West quarter of Section Sixteen (16), in Township Fifty-two (52) North of Range Ten (10), West of the 5th P. M. and that his grantors have continuously owned, occupied and claimed the title to said land and paid the taxes thereon continuously for the last forty years. That the defendant's claim or interest in the subject matter of this petition and in the lands herein described, but plaintiff cannot insert the names of the defendants herein because same are unknown to him other than as herein given; that said unknown defendants have obtained and derived their claims to said property from one William H. White, Charles W. Baker, John T. Henderson, Samuel Grant, Joseph D. Morris or Daniel Corker, all deceased, as heirs, consorts, devisees, donees, alienees or immediate, mesne, remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of said deceased parties.

Plaintiff states that said William H. White, by his deed of trust dated July 19, 1876, conveyed said land to said Charles W. Baker as trustee to the use of said John T. Henderson, to secure a note of \$2000.00, and to use of said Samuel Grant to secure a note of \$1600.00, and to John A. Guthrie as guardian of M. B. Guthrie of \$1,000, which deed of trust is recorded in deed of trust record "L" at page 288, of said county; and that said William H. White, by his deed of trust dated June 25, 1879, conveyed said land to Joseph D. Morris, as trustee to the use of one B. R. Cauthorn, as executor of the estate of Daniel Corker, to secure a note for \$9504.60, which deed of trust is recorded in Book "N" at page 508. That all of said notes have been paid and cancelled and destroyed, but said deeds of trust have not been satisfied on the records or otherwise released on the records; and that the above is as full, correct and complete a recital and description of the claims of said defendants and how such claims are derived as the same are known to plaintiff. That the defendants claim or might claim and assert title to the aforesaid real estate and the same are adverse and prejudicial to the title and interest of plaintiff in said real estate.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays the Court to try, ascertain and determine the estates, title and interests of plaintiff and defendants of, in and to the said real estate hereinbefore described and by its decree to adjudge, determine, settle, quiet and define the respective rights, titles and interests and estates of plaintiff and defendants to said real estate and especially to adjudge said deeds of trust and the notes therein paid and satisfied and released of record. And plaintiff prays the Court to find and adjudge that plaintiff is the sole owner of said real estate, free and released from said deeds of trust, and that an order and decree be entered of record forever barring and precluding the defendants from hereafter setting up any title or claim to said property, and for all other proper orders and relief in the premises.

It is further ordered that said unknown defendants be and appear in this Court on the first day of the next regular term thereof to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Mexico, County of Audrain, State of Missouri, on the Sixth day of March, 1916, and on or before the first day of said term to answer or otherwise plead to said petition, or in default thereof said petition will be taken as adjudged as aforesaid and judgement by default will be rendered against said defendants.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in

English language and circulated in said Audrain County, State of Missouri, and duly designated by plaintiff's Attorneys as most likely to give notice to said defendants, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of said term of Court.

WITNESS my hand and of (SEAL) ficial seal. Done at office in the City of Mexico, County and State aforesaid, this January 17, 1916.

E. F. ELLIOTT,

Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court.

A true copy from the record.

Attest, E. F. Elliott, Clerk.

Fry & Rodgers,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas, W. D. McDonald and Tina McDonald, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated November 18, 1912, recorded in Book 39, page 471, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds within and for Audrain County, Missouri, conveyed to R. E. Culver, Trustee, to secure the payment of their promissory note therein described, the following described real property, lying, being and situated in Audrain County, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of the east half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine (29), lying south of the Mexico & Columbia Dirt Road, and also the north half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty-two (32), in township fifty-one (51), range nine (9) west of the 5th P. M., and

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the principal and interest due on the note secured by said deed of trust, and

Whereas, the legal holder of said note has requested said R. E. Culver, the Trustee named in said deed of trust, to exercise his powers as said trustee, and foreclose the same, and the said Trustee has refused in writing to act as such trustee; and,

Whereas, by the terms of said deed of trust, upon the refusal of said Trustee to act, the undersigned Sheriff of Audrain County, Missouri, succeeds to the rights and powers of the trustee named in said deed of trust; now,

Therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the provisions of said deed of trust, and the authority in me vested thereby, I will, on

Saturday, February 5, 1916, between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m. of said date, at the east front door of the Court House, in the City of Mexico, in the County of Audrain, and State of Missouri, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the above described real estate or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the purposes of said trust.

J. W. BARNETT,
Sheriff of Audrain County, Missouri, and Acting Trustee.

C. W. BEST ARTISTS' SERIES.

The First Number of This Series Will Be Presented to a Mexico Audience Tuesday Evening, Feb. First, at Hardin College.

ANTONIO SALA, 'Cellist
MIGNONNE MEEKER, Soprano
LOIS BROWN, Pianist

The Sioux City Journal of Oct. 31, 1915, has the following to say of the first of the C. W. Best Artists' Series to be given at Hardin College on February 1st, 1916:

Among the many players of the violoncello who have appeared in Sioux City, Senior Sala easily ranks with the best. He has the same luscious tone quality, distinctness of phrasing and marked interpretation that won him so much favor last season. Miss Meeker, the soprano, has a voice which is neither entirely dramatic nor yet quite lyric. Her work showed to best advantage in the excerpt from "Aida." Her coloratura work was excellent; her interpretations beyond criticism. Miss Brown, the pianist, filled the doubly exacting task of piano soloist and accompanist. Her work was exceptionally good, with a fine stinging quality of tone and a technique that well nigh approached perfection.

At Hardin College, February 1st.

St Philip is visiting his relative, Mrs. A. C. Cobb, at Ft. Worth, Tex.